

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GRANT JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Patrick Kemp

Age: 48

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: My mission continues to be the improvement of education for every student who passes through the doors of our schools. Student achievement, academic excellence and fiscal accountability are the cornerstones of my mission.

At Grant, we have transformed classrooms from simple learning environments to places where we expect every student to succeed. Test scores have increased district wide because of our revitalized focus on academics, with local agencies now recognizing our district as one of the safest. With \$150 million facilities upgrade, our schools offer excellent library facilities, computer labs and other 21st-century technology including our Global Communications Center.

Once symbolized by its difficulties, Grant is now acknowledged for its exceptional teaching corps-2003 California Teacher of the Year Award, vocational training and leadership programs including the Maritime Academy and Reservation for College with U.C. Davis.

My children are products of this district. I am proud of our commitment to accountability and aggressive pursuit of rigorous academic standards. I feel nothing is more important than providing every student a full complement of skills and encouragement to build toward a meaningful life. As a parent, I would expect nothing less. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.